

REMARKS

In response to the telephone conference held on September 17, 2008, in which the Examiner suggested that claim 42 might be allowable over newly cited U.S. Patent No. 5,463,621, claims 42 and 37 have been canceled and combined with main claim 24. Hence, claim 24 is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants had previously amended claim 24 by adding the subject matter of claims 27, 28, 30 and 31. In view of the addition of claims 42 and 37 to the main claim 24, the subject matter of claims 27, 28, 30 and 31 has been removed from the main claim 24 and restored to this case by the addition of new claims 46-49, respectively.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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